

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

1. (Canceled)

2. (Currently amended) A network transacting method using a data processing system in which a plurality of terminal units, each having at least a data inputting function, a data outputting function and a data communicating function, are connected to a communication network for interchanging data with each other, said network transacting method comprising: ~~the steps of:~~

~~causing a trader~~ actuating a trader's terminal unit to present data representative of a purchase offer ~~meant for an intellectual property; via a trader's terminal unit such that said data can be freely browsed via the communication network;~~

~~causing~~ actuating the trader's terminal unit to accept a sale offer ~~meant for the intellectual property and which is received from a seller's terminal unit~~ seller via the communication network;

causing the trader to purchase the intellectual property from the seller;

causing the trader to ~~apply for a registration of~~ file an application for a patent on the intellectual property purchased at in a Patent Office;

~~causing the trader~~ actuating the trader's terminal unit to register information relating to the intellectual property ~~applied for the registration at the trader's terminal unit~~ such that data relating to the intellectual property can be browsed via the communication network;

~~causing the trader~~ actuating the trader's terminal unit to present a sale offer ~~meant for the intellectual property registered to a buyer's terminal unit via the trader's terminal unit~~ to a

buyer;

~~causing~~ actuating the trader's terminal unit to accept a purchase offer ~~meant~~ for the intellectual property ~~and which is~~ received from ~~a the~~ buyer via the ~~buyer's terminal unit communication network;~~

~~causing the trader to sell~~ selling the intellectual property to the buyer; and

~~causing the trader to take proceedings for a transfer~~ transferring the record of ownership of the intellectual property ~~from the trader~~ to the buyer at the Patent Office.

3. (Currently amended) A network transacting method using a data processing system in which a plurality of terminal units, each having at least a data inputting function, a data outputting function and a data communicating function, are connected to a communication network for interchanging data with each other, said network transacting method comprising: ~~the steps of:~~

causing a trader to present ~~data representative of a purchase offer meant for an~~ intellectual property or an industrial property; ~~of an intellectual property managed by a search server, which is one of the plurality of terminal units and installed in a Patent Office, via a trader's terminal unit such that said data can be freely browsed via the communication network;~~

~~causing~~ actuating the trader's terminal unit to accept a sale offer ~~meant~~ for the industrial property or the intellectual property ~~and which is~~ received from a ~~seller's terminal unit~~ seller via the communication network;

~~causing when the property is industrial property, actuating~~ the trader's terminal unit to

~~reference the search server via the communication network to see if he whether the industrial property to be sold and the seller are licit; causing, if licit, when the industrial property and the seller are licit, causing the trader to purchase the industrial property from the seller; seller, and causing the trader to take proceedings for register a transfer of ownership of the industrial property from the seller to said the trader; at the Patent Office;~~

when the property is intellectual property, causing the trader to purchase the intellectual property from the seller; seller, and causing the trader to apply for a registration of file an application for a patent on the intellectual property purchased at in the Patent Office;

~~causing the trader~~ actuating the trader's terminal unit to register information relating to the industrial property or the intellectual property purchased at the trader's terminal unit such that the information can be browsed via the communication network;

~~causing the trader~~ actuating the trader's terminal unit to present a sale offer meant for the industrial property or the intellectual property to a buyer's terminal unit via the trader's terminal unit buyer;

~~causing~~ actuating the trader's terminal unit to accept a purchase offer meant for the industrial property or the intellectual property and which is received from a the buyer via the buyer's terminal unit communication network;

causing the trader to sell the industrial property or the intellectual property to the buyer; and

causing the trader to ~~take proceedings for register~~ a transfer of ownership of the industrial property or the intellectual property from the trader to the buyer at the Patent Office.

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